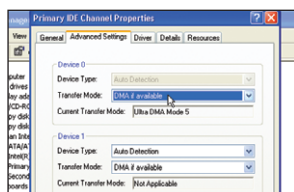


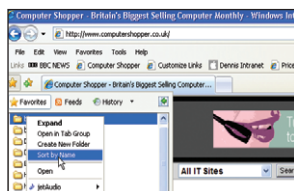
HOW TO... Free up your processor

DMA allows your hard disk to access the system memory directly, without accessing the processor. This means the processor has less work to do and can finish what it is doing faster. Windows XP should be set up with DMA enabled. This isn't always the case, and you should check this on your PC. Open the Control Panel and double-click on the System icon. On the Hardware tab, click on the Device Manager button. Under IDE ATA/ATAPI controllers, double-click on Primary IDE channel. On the Advanced Settings tab, make sure both Transfer Mode boxes say DMA if available. Do the same for Secondary IDE channel.



HOW TO... Get shortcuts in order

In Windows XP, a new program or folder shortcut added to your Start menu or the Favorites list in Internet Explorer will appear at the bottom of the list. You can move it by clicking on the shortcut and, holding down the mouse button, dragging it into place. However, most of us tend to leave these menus as they are until they get so long it's nearly impossible to find the programs or websites we want. To quickly get shortcuts into alphabetical order, open the Favorites menu, right-click on an item and select Sort by name. You can do the same in the Start menu. This will just sort the folders and program or website shortcuts in that list. Shortcuts inside folders won't be affected; you'll have to do this for each folder individually.



HOW TO... Create a website

All you need to put yourself on the internet is some web space and NetObjects Fusion 9, which is on this month's cover disc. Martin Anderson explains how to use this helpful program

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NetObjects Fusion 9, the full version of which is on this month's cover disc, can create a fully featured website within minutes based on a range of customisable templates, with facilities for creating image galleries, contact forms and catalogues. We'll show you how to get started with the homepage.

1 Follow the instructions on the cover disc to install Net Objects Fusion 9; let the software download the 9.1 update, then start the program.

Click Site Wizard on the welcome page, then select a style in Step 1 of the dialog box that appears. Click Next. In Step 2, select which standard pages you want in your site by ticking or unticking category boxes. Pick one of the four standard layouts on the right or leave it on the default and click Next. The contact information you provide in Step 3 will be used as initial content in the layout of your site. You'll be asked to save the .NOD site-definition file; give the site a name and save it in the default location that opens in the Save Site As dialog.

2 Your new site opens as an interactive site map in Structure, with the pages represented by yellow tabs. Drag and drop the pages into the order you want and rename them using the floating Properties panel.

3 Double-click the Home Page icon in the site map view to open it in the page-design view. You can delete any text boxes you do not want or rewrite the text inside them. Click the Preview Site button in the top toolbar to preview the site in Internet Explorer (add

other browsers using Tools, Options, Application, Application Options, Preview, Add). You can also try the built-in Page Preview tab in the main program, but buttons and navigation will be disabled.

The floating Layout Properties panel has different functionality depending on the type of page object selected. If you double-click a navigation button, the panel becomes Navigation Button Properties, where you can retile the button and change its other settings.

Select any placeholder image and the floating panel changes to Picture Properties. You can substitute the default image for a picture of your own using the Browse button. Choose a new picture (it's automatically copied to your local site) and select a JPEG compression setting from the drop-down Optimise section of Tab 1. It is best to use images that are the correct size. You can visually resize large pictures on the second tab of Picture Properties, but make sure Maintain Aspect Ratio is ticked. The Page Design toolbar also lets you insert new images, hyperlinks, tables and other web content.

4 Once you've got your site the way you want it, click the Publish button in the top toolbar and then Publish Settings. Press New in the dialog box that pops up, name your new FTP connection and fill in the server, username and password details provided to you by your web-hosting company. Click Test Connection, and then Close when the test-connection succeeds. Click the Publish Site button on the top toolbar and select the FTP connection you created from the drop-down menu. You can now put your site online. **ES**

